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THE scientific staff of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research has learned with profound grief of the death of Dr. Samuel J. Meltzer. At a special meeting of the staff, held on November 12, 1920, it was resolved: That an expression be recorded of the sense of great loss which his passing away has occasioned.

Dr. Meltzer has been associated with the institute from the time of its inception. His great learning, his devotion to medical science, and his love for his fellow men continuously prompted the expenditure of his utmost effort in the causes to which the labor of the institute is dedicated. In this service he spent wholeheartedly the last sixteen years of his life, and in this service, in the fulness of his powers, he has died. He did not know how to spare himself in the devotion of his life to this great purpose.

The staff of the institute is conscious, however, not only of his service to the idea of the institute, but delights to recall the direction and purpose his inspiration gave to the development of medicine and medical research in the United States. His leadership and his contributions are second to the contributions of no other man in their significance for this generation of medical men. Dr. Meltzer's interest in humanity transcended the field of his medical activities. In the spirit of human co-operation he desired to include all men, so that there might flow, across the boundaries of nations, a desire for progress in the direction of universal ideals. These great interests were recognized, not only in this country, but in Europe as well, and gave Dr. Meltzer a unique position as a lover of his kind.

These are the thoughts which the staff desires to record. They indicate how widely the influence of Dr. Meltzer was spread, how intensely his example was appreciated here.

The staff desires to convey its profound sympathy to the family of Dr. Melzer, and in

<sup>1</sup> Resolutions passed by the Scientific Staff of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

this resolution to acquaint them with a measure of the regard in which he was held. For the staff, Dr. Meltzer has not died; by the spirit of his example, he has helped to make the spirit of the institute, and this spirit will continue while the institute endures.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. J. NORRIS RUSSELL, of Princeton University, has been awarded the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society. Professor Russell will sail for London on January 29 to be present when the presentation is made.

PROFESSOR J. F. KEMP, of Columbia University, was elected president of the Geological Society of America, at the recent Chicago meeting.

PROFESSOR GILBERT AMES BLISS, of the department of mathematics at the University of Chicago, has been elected president of the American Mathematical Society.

DR. JAMES P. SOUTHALL, professor of physics in Columbia University, has been elected president of the American Optical Society.

A LUNCHEON has been given in the Smithsonian Building in honor of the seventieth birthday of Dr. J. W. Fewkes, chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology.

DR. EDWIN HERBERT HALL, Rumford professor of physics in Harvard University, will, on September 1, become professor emeritus.

AT the recent Chicago meeting, the council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science directed the permanent secretary to appoint an assistant secretary, the duties of this officer being to aid the permanent secretary in the editorial and scientific aspects of the work of the association. Dr. Sam F. Trelease has been appointed assistant secretary. Dr. Trelease has recently returned to America after several years of service in the school of agriculture of the University of the Philippines at Los Baños. The assistant secretary will devote part of his time to the work of the association, being also on the staff of the laboratory of plant physiology of the Johns Hopkins University.